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Dear Parents and Caregivers

You will be delighted to see that this is a very short update!

On Sunday the plan for further easing of restrictions was announced by Queensland Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk. The opening of gyms and the increase in the maximum number of people allowed to attend a gathering will affect Saint Stephen's College in the following ways:

Sport

Non-contact indoor and outdoor activities can take place for up to 20 people. This means the College will be able to resume some optional training sessions for different sports. Our gym is now open for up to 20 people to train at one time. There will be procedures around the use of the gym and the optional trainings, including cleaning equipment, temperature checking and social distancing. Specific information regarding different trainings and the gym reopening will come from the Sports Office this week. APS sport is still suspended and there is no after school APS training. We do, however, anticipate a return to APS interschool games by mid-Term Three.

Music

Over the past week, it has been wonderful to see many of our ensembles and choirs return to rehearsals using physical distancing, with larger groups split into sectionals. Unfortunately, our Piccolo and Treblemakers choirs are still too large to continue. However, we hope to resume these groups again in Term Three. Please remember that while we have been able to recommence lessons and ensembles, we are currently only permitted to have students and staff members enter the Centre of Musical Excellence. This means that parents cannot be present for lessons, or wait in the building while their child has a lesson. For **students involved in before school rehearsals**, please make sure that you are temperature checked before entering the Centre. Mrs Vanessa Chapman will be on the front door of the building from 7am to 7.30am each morning to help speed up the process.

I am concerned that as a State we are becoming a bit laid back with regards to health and safety during this pandemic. Please remember to keep your children at home if they are sick and to be tested if you, or they, display any COVID-19 symptoms. We continue with our rigorous cleaning regime, temperature checks and shutdown of bubblers. Junior College students are also only permitted to play in their allocated playgrounds. If we are informed of a positive case at the College you will all receive a text



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message directing you to a more detailed email outlining what needs to occur. We will follow the directives of the Health Department if this were to happen. These will most likely be that we close the College for two days to undergo deep cleaning. A cleaning company is on standby in the unlikely event that this may happen.

A prayer for every day:

Be with me Lord.

Be the patience when I'm frustrated.

Be the endurance when I am tired.

Be the wisdom when I am uncertain.

Be the inspiration when I'm out of ideas.

Be the peacemaker when I feel hurt.

Be the comforter when I feel overwhelmed.

Be the energy when I am weary.

Be the guide when I am confused.

Be the forgiver when I get it wrong.

Be with me Lord, today.

With best wishes for a calm last two weeks of term.

Regards



Kim Cohen

Principal